

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2008. Figs. 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, 12 and 14 are currently pending and have been examined. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended.

In paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the drawings have been objected to. Applicant has amended Fig. 1 for elements 14, 16 and 18 for consistency with paragraph [0039], lines 5-11.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 6 and 7 are objected to. Applicant has removed the phrase “adapted to” as suggested by the Examiner, and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

In paragraphs 5-8 of the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art described in the background of the instant application itself, published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0182147 (Sanchez) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0003951 to Leprieur *et al.* (Leprieur). The Examiner’s rejection on this ground is respectfully traversed.

Among the limitations of independent claim 1 which are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record is the step (c) of “the active radio access module activating the passive radio access module *immediately before step (a)*.” (Emphasis added.) Among the limitations of independent claim 6 which are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record is the requirement that “the active radio access module activates the passive radio access module *immediately before measuring the time offset*.” (Emphasis added.) Among the limitations of independent claim 7 which are neither disclosed nor suggested in the art of record is the requirement that “the active radio access module activates the passive radio access via the central interface, and the activation of the passive radio access module is made *immediately before calculating the time offset T_{offset}*.” (Emphasis added.)

Paragraphs [0003], [0005] and [0009] of Sanchez, which were cited on pages 7-8 and 10-11 of the Office Action, teach only switching between the active and passive radio access modules. As the Office Action readily admits, these paragraphs do not teach that the active radio access module activates the passive radio access module. Furthermore, the Office Action also admits that these paragraphs of Sanchez do not teach that the passive radio access module is activated “immediately before measuring/calculating the time offset,” as required by the independent claims.

Leprieur fails to cure the deficiencies of Sanchez. Leprieur is silent concerning when such module is activated and in some cases discloses that the user turns on the power to a mode lacking power. The Office Action cites Leprieur at paragraphs [0024] and [0047] as disclosing the claim features recited above. Paragraph [0024] merely discloses that the power supply to a first part of a terminal that has its power interrupted is “activated” (*i.e.*, has its power turned on) by a second part (operating in another mode), and that the first part’s time is updated. Thus, paragraph [0024] discloses that the second part turns on the power to the first part of the terminal, but no more. Likewise, paragraph [0047] states that “the party associated with the first mode can activate [*i.e.*, turn on the power to] the second mode via the microcontroller and set the terminal to the time of said second mode.” Leprieur, paragraph [0047]. Applicant therefore respectfully disagrees with the Office Action’s assertion that Leprieur discloses the claimed limitations, because Leprieur doesn’t disclose when the powered-down module is activated. In the absence of any teaching or suggestion of these claimed features of the invention, independent claims 1, 6 and 7 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In addition, independent claim 1 recites a step of “(a) measuring for *each of cells adjacent to the current cell* a time offset.” (Emphasis added.) On page 8, the Office Action admits that Sanchez does not teach this step. Leprieur does not disclose measuring time offset for each adjacent cell, as required by claim 1, and in fact, does not disclose any information concerning adjacent cells anywhere within its four corners. In fact, Leprieur states that “[t]o set up a call, a mobile terminal must be associated with a based station *of the geographical area in which it is located.*” Leprieur, paragraph [0005] (emphasis added.) In paragraphs [0005]-[0007], [0009], [0015], [0021], [0033] and

[0038]-[0040] cited by the Office Action, Leprieur only considers the time for the mode measured in the current cell servicing the mobile terminal, and not adjacent cells. For this additional reason, independent claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the cited art.

Dependent claims 3-4, 8-9, 12 and 14 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1 and 7, and incorporate all the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend. These dependent claims are allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons discussed above. In addition, these dependent claims include additional limitation which, in combination with the limitations of the independent claims from which they depend, are further allowable.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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